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CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DURING EARTH SUMMIT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main success of the developing countries at the recent Earth Summit at Johannesberg was to prevent imposition of social and environmental conditions by developed countries on the developing ones; and

(b) if so, the details of such conditions sought to be imposed on the developing world and the Indian stand taken on each such conditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Industrialized nations made a serious attempt to impose disguised trade barriers in the nature of eco-labeling, life-cycle analysis criteria, and inclusion of core labour standards of ILO. In a determined bid, India with the support of other like-minded developing countries succeeded in deleting these references from the text of the `Plan of Implementation`.
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